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Following town council meeting Monday night

New Brockton employees get pay increase

The New Brockton Town Council voted Monday night, Nov. 7, to give all employees a cost-of-living increase in the amount of \$2 per hour.

Mayor Kathy Holley said she was recommending the cost-of-living increase for the employees. She said it had been budgeted for two years, but the employees had gone those two years with no cost-of-living increase.

Council member Ronald Terry made a motion to approve the \$2 per hour increase for employees, and he received a second from council member Shirley Eads. The motions passed by unanimous vote.

Following that vote, the mayor said the town had always provided employees with a one-time pay increase each year at Christmastime. She said it had been \$100 for full-time employees and \$50 for part-time employees.

Holley said she would like for the council to approve this one-time pay increase again this year, and during the November meeting, so the employees would receive it with their first paycheck in December.

Council member Ralph Medley made the motion to approve the one-time pay increase, and the motion received a second from Terry. It passed by unanimous vote.

Police Chief Dale Grimes was at the meeting, and he thanked the town council for these votes, saying, "thank you all so much for

Flu activity unusually severe in Alabama among children

Pediatric leaders across the state of Alabama are warning families about unusually high and severe influenza activity throughout the state, especially in children. "This is the highest flu activity that we have seen this early in the season since the 2009 Influenza A/H1N1 pandemic," reported Wes Stubblefield, MD, MPH, FAAP, pediatrician and District Medical Officer with the Alabama Department of Public Health. Outpatient pediatric offices, already short-staffed coming out of the pandemic and facing daily medication shortages, are bearing the brunt of this outbreak.

"Outpatient visits for influenza increased over 10-fold between September and October, and have shown no signs of slowing in the first five days of November," said Nola Ernest, MD, PhD, FAAP, outpatient pediatrician in Enterprise, Ala. and president of the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "The highest number of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness are in young people, ages 5-24." At USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital in Mobile, positive influenza cases have risen from 51 in September to 745 in October and 138 in just the first three days of November. This swift spread of flu is also resulting in a rapid increase in hospitalizations among children. At USA Health, there are more children hospitalized for influenza than for Respiratory Syncytial Virus infection, or RSV. Children's of Alabama in Birmingham has seen a sim-

ilar increase.

"In the last few weeks, Children's of Alabama has seen a surge of admissions with children who are critically ill from influenza and associated complications," said Michele Kong, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Pediatric Critical Care Research Program at Children's. "These have included those patients who have required ventilation and some so severe that ECMO (heart-lung-bypass) support was needed. We urge families to take the flu virus seriously and to ensure that their children and adolescents are protected." While typically self-limited, influenza can result in severe complications in persons of any age but is especially severe in young

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Area Happenings

CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. Any emergency with utilities can be reported to the Elba Police Department by calling (334) 897-2555.

TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS ...On Friday, Nov. 11, the Elba Tigers will host Sweet Water in the second round of the AHSAA Football Playoffs while the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Linden for second round action. Kickoff for the games is set for 7 p.m.

what you do for us."

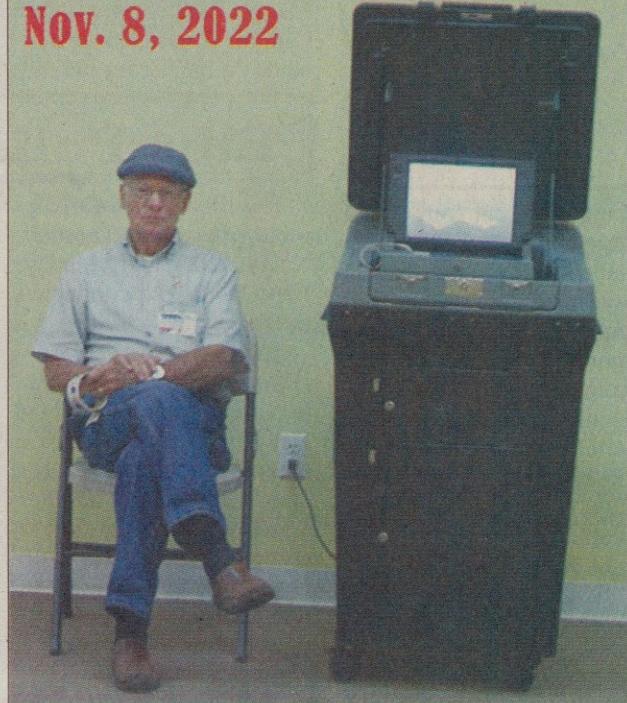
The mayor made several holiday-related announcements during the meeting. She noted that town hall offices would be closed Friday, Nov. 11, for Veteran's Day, and again Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The next work session for the council will be Monday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m.

The New Brockton Christmas Parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m.

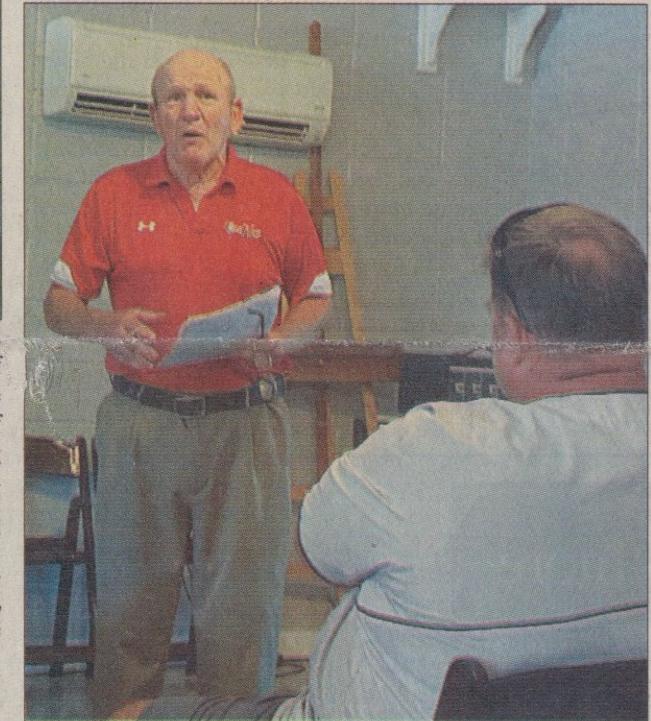
The next town council meeting will be Monday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m.

**I VOTED...
General Election
Nov. 8, 2022**



Voters took to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 8, for the 2022 General Election, and poll officials at the Elba Church of Christ in Elba reported a "good day" for their location. The officials said there had been a steady coming and going of voters throughout the day with no major hiccups causing any issues for the location. Poll official Mac Moore (pictured above) might have been the most popular official for the day as he got the duty of passing out the "I Voted" stickers once ballots were placed in the voting machine. Polls did not close until 7 p.m. Tuesday evening; therefore, election results were still being determined as of press time this week for The Elba Clipper.

ELBA MINI MITES REC FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATES OVERTIME WIN...The Elba Mini Mites team (ages 7-8) defeated Opp last Saturday, Nov. 5, in the final season of the regular season. The game was determined in overtime action with Elba winning 6-0. Above, the coaches and players celebrate the exciting win with Elba fans cheering in the background. The win vaulted the Mini Mites team to first place in the league standings with an overall 6-1 record. Opp came into the game undefeated, and the Elba win pushed the Tigers ahead of Opp in the standings. Both teams now will compete this Saturday in the league's Super Bowl event in New Brockton. See Page 7 for more details on last week's games for the Elba Rec teams and this week's Super Bowl event.



Hall of Fame coach speaks to Elba QB Club

Alabama Hall of Fame Coach Spence McCracken (shown above) was the guest speaker Friday, Nov. 4, at the Elba Quarterback Club's "game day" lunch meeting. McCracken played his college ball at Auburn University where he was the center for the team. His coaching career began at Decatur High School in Georgia as an assistant coach. He returned to his high school alma mater, Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery, Ala., in 1974 as an assistant coach. In 1979 he became head football coach at Montgomery Academy. In 1984, McCracken returned to Robert E. Lee as head football coach where his 11 teams all had winning records. His teams in 1986, 1991, and 1992 won state championships. He became the head coach at Opelika High School in 1995 where he has the distinction of being the winningest coach at both Opelika and Lee. While at Opelika, McCracken's team won seven region titles, and he led the Bulldogs to the playoffs in each of his last 11 seasons there. He was inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame in 2004. McCracken coached Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley at Robert E. Lee during his tenure as the head coach for the Generals.



DAR PROVIDES SNACKS FOR VETERANS AT OZARK COLLEGE...Ozark Veterans Appreciation Day was held Monday, Nov. 7, at the Alabama Aviation College in Ozark, a unit of Enterprise State Community College. AAC is the only training facility in southeastern Alabama with the primary educational purpose to provide high-quality, short term certificates, technical certificates and associate degree programs to meet the needs of area students, employers and economic developers. Sarah Marusich, ESCC Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Coordinator, reached out to the members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution John Coffee Chapter to see if they would be able to provide "grab and go" snacks for the 100 veterans attending classes at ACC. DAR members Sue Cobb, Elizabeth Vickers, Nell Gilmer, Anne Couturier, Wendy Zeller, Betty Ann Stinson and Regent Jacque Hawkins participated in providing snacks. Shown in photo above (from left) are Sarah Marusich, Betty Ann Stinson and Jacque Hawkins. To know more about DAR, contact DAR Registrar Shirley Skinner, at 334-301-6063 or shirley_skinner@hotmail.com.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Socialism is the philosophy of failure. The creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy; its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery." – Winston Churchill

Sugar in corn bread?? We read an article over the weekend written by a man who had his first encounter with corn bread with sugar. Needless to say he was not a happy camper, a reaction with which we agree. Thinking back it is probably good that our mother is not still around. She would have had a heart attack at the thought of contaminating a southern dish like cornbread with S-U-G-E-R! Not in her kitchen.

According to a Monday news release and special press conference from UAB on Tuesday, the state of Alabama has one of the highest rates of flu in the nation! We were in a doctor's office for routine check-up week before last (Thursday) and he noted he had seen more flu cases that week than he had all last year. We got our flu shot before leaving his office. It is not unusual for us to skip the annual flu shot, but considering this was our year for Shingles, Bell's Palsy, two skin cancers, COVID all around us, etc. vaccines have become our daily snack!

We voted early Tuesday morning. Didn't want anything to happen that would cause us to not vote. Of course, before 8:00 a.m. the poll officials were definitely not overworked. There were some races we skipped, as we didn't really know either candidate or worse, didn't like either candidate. The amendments will probably have a lot of people skipping them, but we voted on each one. It is ironic that the first one was designed, among other things, to cut down on the length of the Alabama Constitution, which was (is) the longest one in the world but it was followed with ten (yes 10) new amendments to the long, long (but just slightly shortened) document!

The amendment that was designed to shorten the length of the Constitution also finally officially removes the references to slavery from Alabama's constitution. The state has gotten a good bit of flack over those words, even though they had no legal standing. There are a number of other changes that would have been good for the Alabama Constitution but getting statewide agreement on changes was hard enough on those few items that were modified, or deleted, and much else would probably have raised massive voter objections against "change".

The number of folks buying Powerball tickets for the Monday night drawing swelled above the projected numbers and thus so did the winning amount. We pass on to all our Elba friends who drove to Georgia or Florida for a chance at the two-million-dollar jackpot that those folks in California who won the pot say "Thank You".

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama to meet Saturday, Nov. 12th

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will hold a meeting Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. Location of meeting is at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Ala.

A covered dish dinner will be held afterwards and utensils, plates, beverages and ice will be provided. A brief ceremony honoring tribal veterans will also take place.

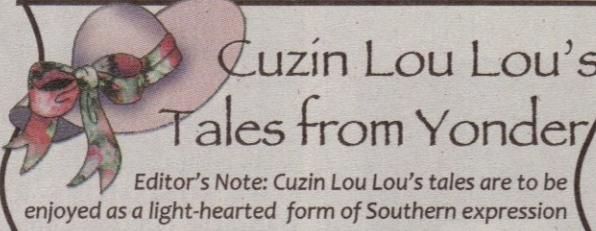
The creation of a Youth Council for grades 9th-12th, both tribal and non-

Lambert named to Troy's Chancellor's List

Jessica Lambert of Elba has been named to the Chancellor's List at Troy University for Term 1 of the 2022-2023 academic year.

The Chancellor's List honors full-time undergraduate students who are registered for 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of 4.0.

Term 1 consists of students at TROY's campuses



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Friday is Veteran's Day. It is a day the Yonder Gang takes very seriously as Papa is a Vietnam War veteran. Some only refer to it as Vietnam Conflict, but Papa can assure all – it was a war.

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister always try to do something special for and/or with Papa on Veteran's Day. While the gang honors and thanks our veteran's every day, Nov. 11th pays special tribute them (past and present). The members of the Yonder Gang believe we should all take time each Nov. 11th to say thank you to veterans.

Earlier this week, the

gang was enjoying lunch together when Lou Lou announced to Papa that she was planning to take him out for breakfast Friday morning to one of their favorite places – the Waffle House. Lou Lou's office will be closed that day in observance of Veteran's Day, and she decided it would be a perfect time to take Papa to breakfast.

Sister, however, must work that day, and she immediately cut her eyes to Lou Lou, giving her the biggest look of disappointment possible.

Lou Lou just shrugged and said, "So sorry, but you gotta work!"

Oh boy...that did not go over well with Sister. She went into a rant. She cannot stand it the once or twice at most each year when Lou Lou actually gets a 'day off' that Sister does not get due to holiday schedules. Lou Lou on the other hand takes advantage of the opportunity to rub it in a little because most of the time, it is Lou Lou heading out to work on a holiday with Sister staying at home for a relaxing day off.

Not this time!!

Sister will most likely not read this column prior to the Friday morning (Veteran's Day) trip to the Waffle House for Papa and Lou Lou, so, Lou Lou will let her readers in on a little secret...she plans to send Sister a picture or two from the Waffle House of her and Papa enjoying their two eggs scrambled with bacon, toast, and grits!

It is guaranteed that Sister will have some choice words for Lou Lou in response! It's going to be a hoot!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling! And...please join the Yonder Gang in honoring our Veterans!! Wear the Red, White and Blue proudly!

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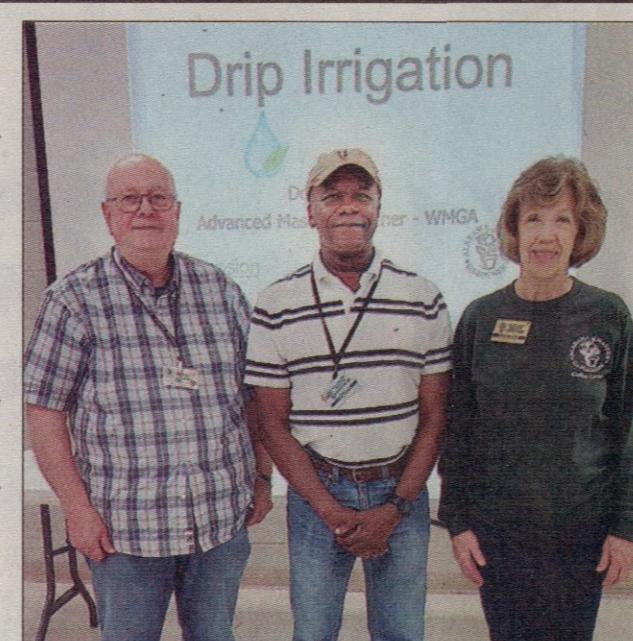
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LASSITER SPEAKS ABOUT DRIP IRRIGATION...

Don Lassiter (center), Advanced Master Gardener and a member of the Wiregrass Master Gardener's Association, recently spoke to the Coffee County Master Gardener's Association about "Drip Irrigation." Planning and design are a must to determine what type of irrigation you are going to need. Some things you need to consider are the water source, automatic timers, filters, pressure regulators, fertilizer injector systems, tubing adapters, leak prevention connectors and adjustable rate emitters. Advantages to drip irrigation are efficient water use, a system you can manage with ease, you can maintain soil moisture, odd shaped areas can be covered and the system is easily modified. Shown in photo from left CCMGA President Ed Speigner, Don Lassiter, and CCMGA Program Chair Maggie Sickler. Wanting to become a Master Gardener? Call the Extension Office (334-894-5596) and get your name on the list for the next Master Gardener Class.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, and Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Harassing communications reported at 381 Tiger Dr (10:46 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 3828 Hwy 125 – assist another agency (1:01 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2140 County Rd 223, Jack (3:46 p.m.).

Sister, however, must work that day, and she immediately cut her eyes to Lou Lou, giving her the biggest look of disappointment possible.

Lou Lou just shrugged and said, "So sorry, but you gotta work!"

Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 145 Tiger Dr (7:56 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 720 E Davis St (12:48 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1026 Caroline St (5:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 804 Hwy 203 (8:38 p.m.); Harassment reported at 626 Mullins Circle (8:42 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (10:59 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one patient transport, two written warnings, one verbal warning, and four citations.

Thursday, Nov. 3 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 804 Hwy 203 (3:03 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (10:34 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (3:00 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1620 Bowell St (3:55 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 881 N Claxton Ave (4:10 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1036 Hickman Ave (4:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported in area of Hickman and Plant (5:41 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Ann St (6:11 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 626 Mullins Circle (9:21 p.m.).

Saturday, Nov. 5 – Harassment reported at 529 N Claxton Ave (12:27 a.m.); Fire alarm reported at 1565 Seminole Circle (8:25 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1131 Guyton St (6:34 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 626 Mullins Circle (9:10 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1519 Caroline St (9:35 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, one arrest, one report, one advice given, and three citations.

Sunday, Nov. 6 – Stolen vehicle reported at 192 Larkin Rd (8:00 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Beaver Dam St (8:50 a.m.); Burglary reported on Beaver Dam St (9:36 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 203 (12:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 907 Flounoy Dr (2:45 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a citation.

Monday, Nov. 7 – Fall victim reported at 1285 Neil Grantham Dr (8:23 a.m.); Fight reported on W Davis St (3:00 p.m.); Lost/Found property reported at 192 Larkin Rd (5:12 p.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (5:12 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 660 Lee St (5:51 p.m.); Burglary reported at 606 Simmons St (6:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1228 Jones Circle (7:59 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three citations, one written warning, and one warrant served.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>**WAYNE RUGG**

Ms. Wayne Rugg, age 93, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at her home.



Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, from Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Barrow and Rev. Cary Maulden officiating. Burial services followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughters: Paula (Wendell) Black, and Pam (Jerrill) Flowers, both of the Zion Chapel Community; sister: Nell Wilson, Zion Chapel Community; granddaughters: Stacey (Paul) Nelson, Elba, Britney (Michael) Parker, Elba, Jennifer (Tate) Gatlin, Jack, Ala., and Jessica (Aaron)

Elba Masonic

The members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 are selling tickets for two drawings of \$1,000 each to be given away Monday, Dec. 5, at the Elba Christmas Parade. Drawing will be held at the flowing well, which will be located on the

Newbia School Reunion set for this Saturday, Nov. 12th

The Newbia School Reunion will be held again this year!

The reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Newbia Baptist Church fellowship hall. Fellowship will begin around 10 a.m., and a covered dish lunch will be enjoyed at 12 noon.

All those who attended Newbia School are invited and encouraged to attend.

Hutton, Wetumpka, Ala.; great-granddaughters: Carson Nelson, Angel Flowers, Kinley (Colten) Kelley, and Aryn Nelson, all of Elba, and Emma Hutton, of Wetumpka, Ala.; great-grandson: Asher Hutton, Wetumpka; great-granddaughters: Ella Grace Hutton, Wetumpka, and Parker Kelley, Elba.

REBECCA DANIELLE THOMPSON

Ms. Rebecca "Becky" Danielle Thompson, age 33, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, from Mt. Vernon Assembly of God with Rev. Loyd Hodge officiating.

Elba Masonic

This is a fundraiser for the lodge. Tickets are \$10 each or 11 tickets can be purchased for \$100.

For more information, contact W/M Wendell Black at (334) 372-0966; Secretary Harry Young at (334) 282-3554 for more information.

Newbia School Reunion set for this Saturday, Nov. 12th

Greater New Zion M.B. Church wants to 'give' this Thanksgiving

Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church is planning to bless 15 families with turkeys this Thanksgiving season.

The church members are interested in suggestions of anyone who could benefit from this Thanksgiving meal offer. Suggestions can be phoned to the church voicemail at 334-897-5545 or 334-464-9222, or email the church at <outreach@gnzmbchurch.org>.

Elba's Community Thanksgiving Service planned for Nov. 20th

The Elba Ministerial Alliance will host the Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., at Elba United Methodist Church.

All clergy and churches

are invited to take part in this time of thanksgiving.

For those who would like to participate, contact Rev. Steve Reneau from Elba United Methodist Church at (334) 201-6671.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor
Westside Baptist Church

With Pride!

I wrote this in March of 2018 but it still applies today! All of my children are out on their own now and my youngest is a Senior at Troy)

If you've been to an Elba football game you've

probably heard the band's dismissal at the end of the games after the Alma Mater. As the drum major asks several questions the band shouts back "with pride" and it echoes through the hole the stadium is in. It always gives me a little chill having been a high school band member at Jess Lanier High School in Bessemer Ala. It also gives me a chill as a band parent to see my children taking pride in what they do.

I have four children all of whom have been in marching bands. My oldest Andrew, was in the Daphne High School marching band. My second son Adam was in both the DHS band and here in Elba and was drum major his senior year. Aaron my third son graduated from Elba last May and is now in the Troy University Sound of The South and my daughter is a junior in the Elba Marching Tiger band.

Needless to say I have been on my share of band trips through the last ten plus years. I have seen my share of disciplinary problems and success stories. I have seen those who were proud to represent their school and city and those who didn't care. I have seen that in both students and parents alike. I have been on good trips and nightmare trips but never have I been more proud than I am today.

The Marching Tiger Band and parents/chaperones were the epitome of "with pride" in The Windy City this weekend. They were complemented in several places as being the best-behaved group. Everyone was always where they were supposed to be and was polite and well mannered. I was amazed at how easily we went from place to place and made transitions during long days without a hitch.

Born to a teenage mother and living in the worst parts of town, basketball superstar LeBron James is grateful for his great fortune. So, he is giving back.

Drafted into the NBA right out of high school in 2003, LeBron founded the LeBron James Family Foundation in 2004 to help

single parents and their children who are in need.

LeBron has also donated \$41 million to pay college tuition for 1,100 youth in Ohio. Those who enroll in his "I Promise" program at the University of Akron

will be eligible to receive this scholarship. LeBron

states that the young people

are "the reason I do what I do. These students have big dreams, and I'm happy to do everything I can to help them get there."

He notes that many African-

CHURCH NEWS

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Prayer for deliverance from evil men. Psalm 140:1-13

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Corene Daniels, Shane Williams, Emily Newman, Toney (Cool Breeze) Wright, Bernice Culver, Shelia Magwood, Alice Musgrove, Harold Williams, Helen Thigpen, The Rodgers/Lawrence families, Families of the late Estella Hooks

November Birthdays / Anniversaries

Ernest P. Belcher 11/6 (in memory)
Bernice Culver 11/7
Kimberly Rideaux 11/7
Charlotte Caldwell 11/7
Gregory Scott Kelley 11/12
Rev. Roderick Rideaux 11/14

Ed Manning 11/16 (in memory)

Thomas Brooks 11/16

La'Ray Williams 11/16

Gret Robinson 11/16

Brandon D. Kelley 11/17

Yevette Knight 11/17

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 11/10/22

Multiple Choice

Q: The Wise Men asked about the "King of the Jews" for they had seen His (star) (miracle) (angel).

A: Star [Matthew 2:2]

Q: The Wise Men were warned in a dream not to return to (King Herod) (King Ahaz) (King Pekah)

A: King Herod [Matthew 2:12]

Q: Paul describes Himself to the Ephesians as a (soldier) (prisoner) (friend) of the Lord.

A: prisoner [Ephesians 4:1]

Thought to Remember

Use plenty of Son screen to prevent burning

Questions for the Week of 11-17-22

Fill in the Blanks

Q: Abram's (Abraham's) belief was counted to him for _____.

Q: Having the fear of God is a personal deterrent to

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022 6:00 pm
Zion Chapel Baptist Church
Speaker: Dustin Wisecarver,
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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorin, Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ... 6:30 p.m.
BETHHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ... 6:30 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Dwight Miller, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.
CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.
ELBA LIBERATION TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
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Student-Athlete Spotlight

by Haley Burke and Faith Burke

What sports do you play at EHS and for how long? I have played basketball, softball, volleyball, and cheer ever since I have been at the high school.

What is your favorite part of being on a team at EHS? My favorite part of being on a team is the family aspect and the support from other teammates.

What is some advice you would give to younger players? Advice I would give to younger players is that hard work pays off in the end.

Who is your role model and why? My role model



Name: Keelie Moseley
Grade: 9th Age: 14

would be Aimee Senn because she works hard at everything she does.



Elba Career Academy teachers and students enjoyed passing out candy Monday evening, Oct. 31, during Pumpkins on the Square held in downtown Elba.

Elba teachers/students participates in Pumpkins on the Square event

by Clayton Parker, Heidi Smith & Emily Mosley

The Elba Chamber of Commerce held its annual "Pumpkins on the Square" fall event on Halloween night.

The festival featured beautifully carved Jack O' Lanterns on the Levee Walk, bounce houses and outdoor scary movies. The evening was full of thrills for those brave enough to take on the Haunted Hayride.

Elba High School students and faculty members



Elba junior Ty Sieving showed his heifer cow, Charlie, at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan, Ala., on Saturday, Nov. 5. Sieving and Charlie placed 5th at the event.

Elba's Ty Sieving participates in Heifer and Steer Show at NPF

by Alex Wisecup and Trace Grantham

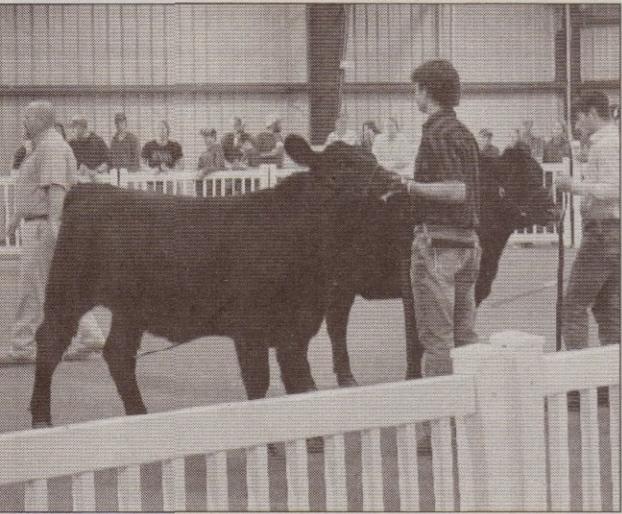
On Saturday, Nov. 5, Elba High School junior Ty Sieving competed at the National Peanut Festival Heifer and Steer Show.

Ty and his heifer, Charlie, placed 5th in the competition this year. Ty has been preparing for this event since last year's peanut festival Calf Scramble, where he won his prized calf.

"I have been preparing

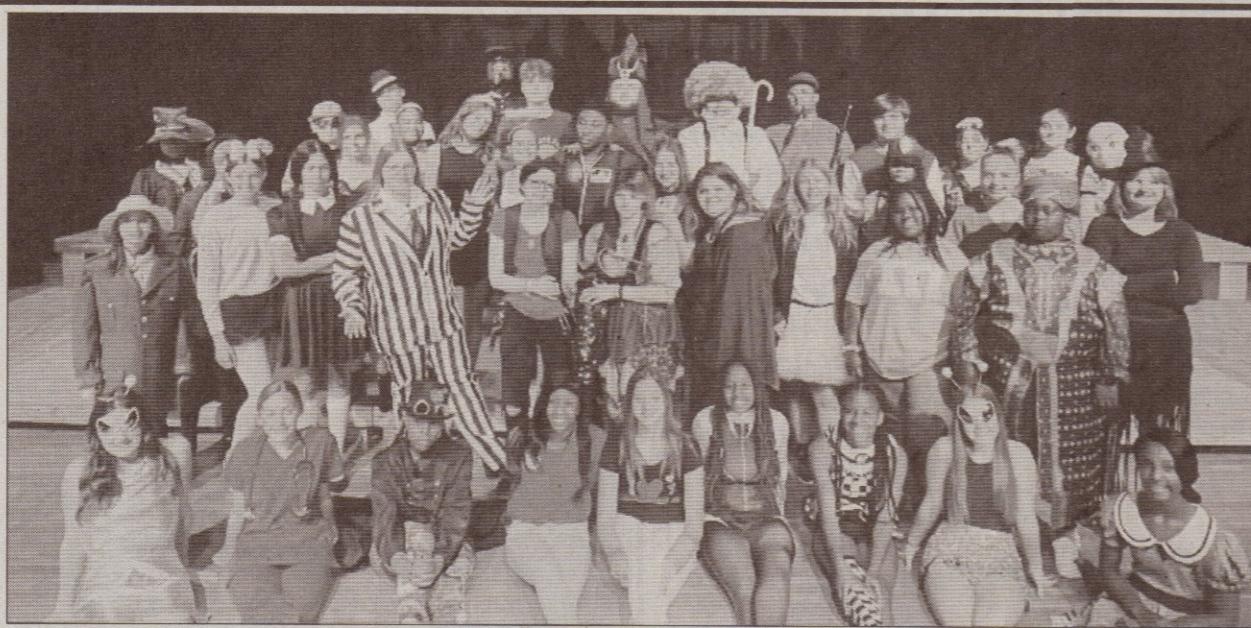
for almost a year now, but this past week I've been really busy getting Charlie ready for the fair," he said. "My grandfather and I made final preparations for the show on Thursday and Friday by giving Charlie a bath, cutting her hair, and getting food and water ready. I couldn't have gotten it all done without the help of my Pop."

Ty is extremely grateful for the experience to represent Elba High School at the show this year.



Ty and Charlie are shown here during the show held last Saturday at the National Peanut Festival.

ELBA SCHOOL NEWS



Electrics deliver Halloween Costume Concert

by Jalin Horstead & Keelie Moseley

On Thursday Oct. 20, the Elba High School show choir, The Electrics, performed a Halloween Costume Concert in the Elba High School auditorium.

The students along with director Jason Tucker felt the show would be a good fundraiser for the school, and they also felt the other students would love to see the costumes and more. The Elba Electrics performed songs including: Double Trouble, Footloose, and We Don't Talk About Bruno.

"The show was a success," freshmen performer Demetri

Elba hosts South Alabama Singers Showcase at Elba High School

by Keelie Moseley

ticipated in a workshop working on songs together to perform that night.

"It was a good experience, and I feel like I learned a lot of things that will make me a better performer," said freshman Electrics member Aniyah Craighead.

This was an all-day event where students from Elba, Auburn, ESCC, Covington County, and Andalusia par-

Faculty Spotlight

by Emily Mosley & Heidi Smith

How many years have you been teaching: 34

Where did you go to college? Troy University

What is your degree? Masters in General Science

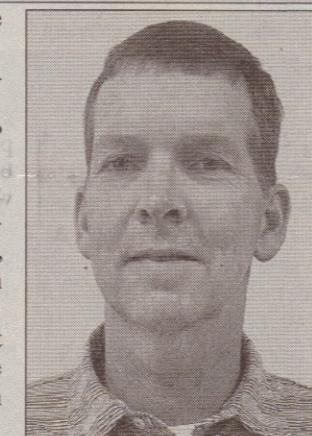
Tell us about your family:

Wife - Vickey, Daughter - Victoria Weeks DeShazo, Son-in-law - Payton DeShazo

What do you love about EHS? The students and the interaction that we have on a daily basis.

What do you like to do in your free time? I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and deer hunting with my friends.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Seeing my students progress both academically and non-academically as well-rounded people and future citizens.



Brian Weeks
Subject/Grade you teach: Science, 9th-12th Grade

Student Spotlight

by Conner Herrington, Paisley Tillery & Valencia Mincey

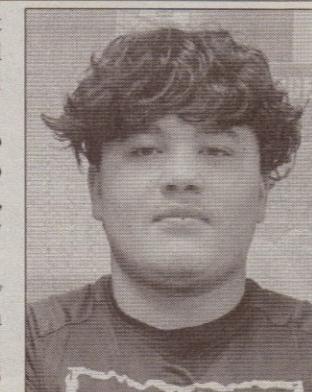
What do you love about EHS? The football team and the facilities that the school offers.

What do you like to do in your free time? I like to work out, watch YouTube, and spend time with my family.

What clubs & organizations are you involved in at EHS?

I am apart of the EHS Football Team

What are your plans for the future? To go to college to play football and learn how to invest and start my own business.



Kyle Smith
Grade: 12th Age: 18

What is your favorite subject in school? History and Weight Training

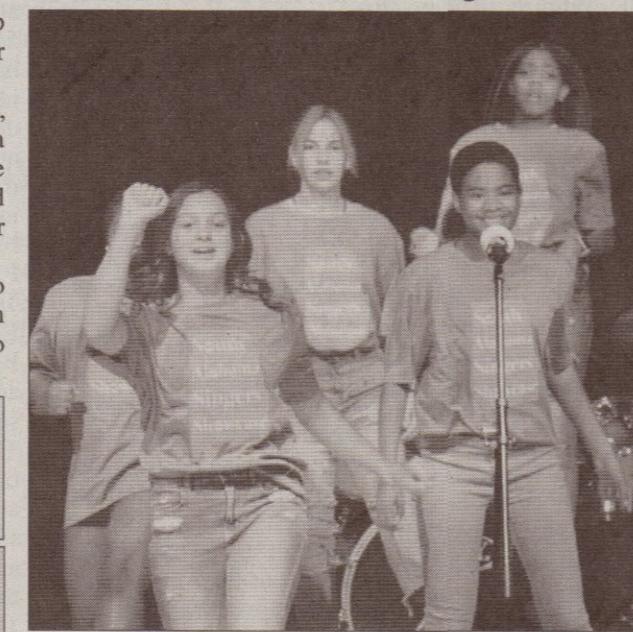
The Elba Tigers will host Sweet Water this Friday night, Nov. 11, in second round football playoff action! Go Tigers!!

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Students perform last Saturday night, Nov. 5, at the South Alabama Singers Showcase held at Elba High School.

Elba welcomes new career coach

by Keelie Moseley

Mary Brunson Thompson has been named the new Career Coach for Elba City Schools.

Thompson went to college at Troy University where she earned a degree in Communication Arts with a minor in Public Relations.

The Brunson family has been in Elba ever since it was founded in 1853, in fact the Brunsons are considered one of Elba's founding families. Mrs. Thompson is married to Jabe Thompson and they have one son, Charles Matthew Thompson.

Thompson and her family reside in Elba. She says her goal is to help students gain confidence to feel prepared for their future.

"I hope in my job position that each student I see feels more prepared and com-



Mary Thompson

fortable for their steps after high school," she said.

Thompson realizes each student has different goals and needs and she plans to do her part to make sure every student that walks through her office door leaves with the skills they need to be successful. Elba

is very lucky to have somebody like Mrs. Thompson to help guide our students.

Elba City Schools will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veteran's Day

Thank You, Veterans!!



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Waterworks and Sewer Board of the Town of New Brockton has filed an application with ADEM for State Revolving Loan and American Rescue Funds to replace small and problematic water mains along CR 544 and CR 536. They have also applied for funding to add chlorination and de-chlorination equipment at their wastewater treatment plant. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the New Brockton Town Hall located at 706 E McKinnon St, New Brockton, AL 36351 to acquaint citizens with the scope of the overall project. There will be a discussion on such items as economic and environmental impact, service area, alternatives, and other issues involving the project.

11/10/17-chg

Blankenship Contracting, Inc. gives notice of completion of the City of Elba Sewer Improvements Funded by USDA Rural Development in Elba, Alabama. All persons and firms having claims against this project should file same with the project Engineer before December 1, 2022.

CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc., 1962 West Main Street, Dothan, Alabama 36301, 334-677-9431.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF PAUL HARRISON, a protected person.

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LOCAL YOUTH FOOTBALL

While Mini Mites win in overtime to close out regular season

Elba Termites remain undefeated with win over Opp

All three Elba teams qualify for Super Bowl event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Parks and Recreation youth football teams completed the regular season last Saturday, Nov. 5, in Opp, and all three Elba teams have qualified to compete in this weekend's Super Bowl Championship event for the Pea River Youth Football League. The Super Bowl event will be held in New Brockton.

The Elba Mini Mites (ages 7-8) claimed an excited 6-0 win over Opp in overtime last Saturday morning. This win gave Elba a 6-1 overall record on the regular season, and it vaulted the Mini Mite Tigers to be the #1 Qualifier in this weekend's Super Bowl event.

Opp finished the regular season also with a 6-1 record and will be the #2 Qualifier in this weekend's Super Bowl. The #3 Qualifier for the Super Bowl will be Daleville with an overall 4-3 record, and the #4 Qualifier will be New Brockton, also with an overall 4-3 record.

For the remaining Mini Mites teams in the league, Goshen finished with an over 4-3 record, Skipperville finished with a 3-4 record, Ariton finished with a 1-6 record, and Zion Chapel finished the season 0-7.

In a meeting of undefeated Termites teams (ages 9-10) last Saturday, the Elba Tigers came out on top of the Opp Bobcats with a 24-14 in Opp. At 7-0 on the season, the Elba Termites will be the #1 Qualifier for this weekend's Super

2022 Pea River Youth Football Super Bowl Schedule

Saturday • Nov. 12, 2022 • New Brockton

MINI MITE PLAYOFF GAMES

8:30 am (2) Opp VS. (3) Daleville*

9:45 am (1) Elba* VS. (4) New Brockton

TERMITE PLAYOFF GAMES

11:00 am (2) Opp VS. (3) Ariton*

12:15 pm (1) Elba* VS. (4) Skipperville

PEE WEE PLAYOFF GAMES

1:30 pm (2) Daleville* VS. (3) Goshen

3:00 pm (1) Opp VS. (4) Elba*

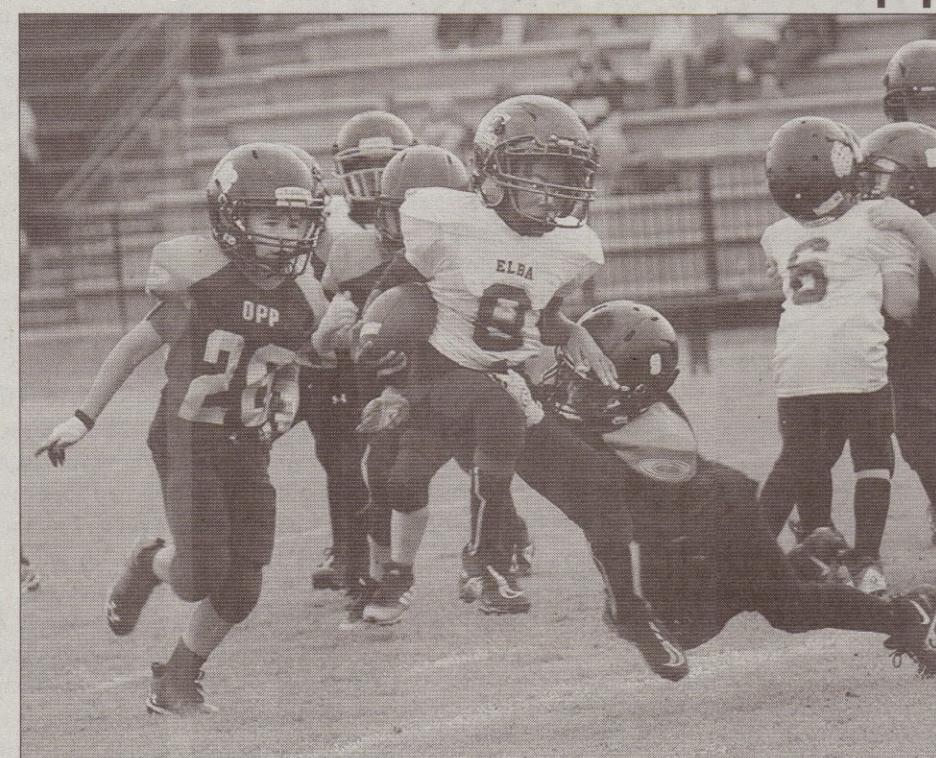
CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

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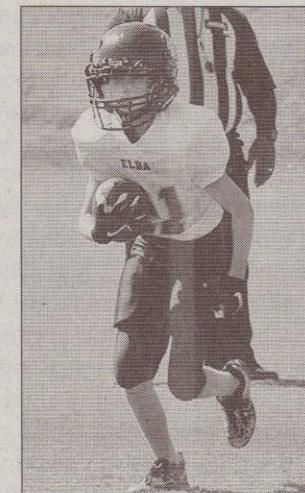
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7:30 pm PEE WEE CHAMPIONSHIP

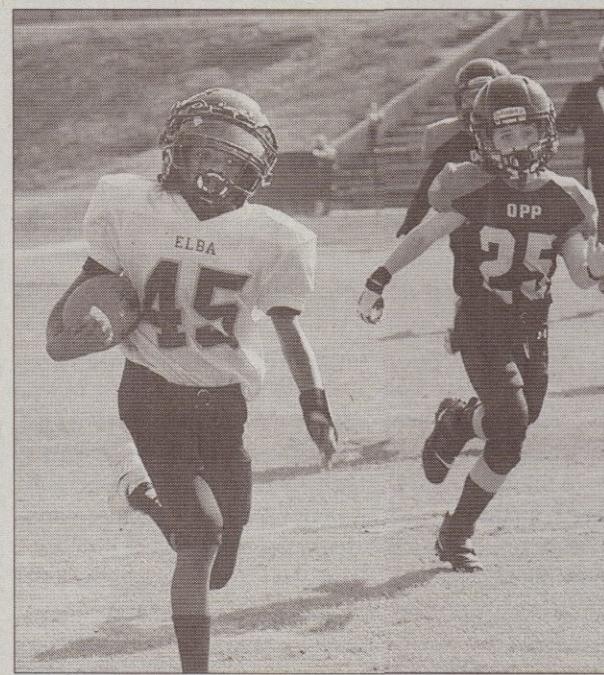
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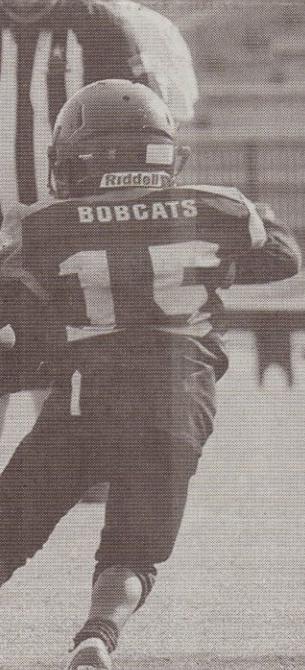
Elba Mini Mites player Jace Mitchell (8) leaps for more yardage as he heads upfield for the Tigers in their exciting 6-0 win over Opp last Saturday, Nov. 5, in the final regular season game for both teams. Both teams will play this Saturday in the Super Bowl event.



Elba Pee Wee player Cole Astemborski (21) makes a big gain for the Tigers in the Oct. 29th win over Zion Chapel. While the Pee Wee team lost to Opp last weekend, the Tigers did qualify for Saturday's Super Bowl.



Elba Termites player Jeremiah Melton (45) heads for the endzone last Saturday, Nov. 5, to give the Tigers and early lead over Opp. Elba finished the regular season 7-0. Both teams will compete Saturday in the Super Bowl event.



Elba Termites players Jacquez Hill (8) on a big gain for the Tigers in last Saturday's 24-14 win over Opp. Both teams came into last week's game undefeated.

The #2 Qualifier for the

Kinston Rec celebrates two Super Bowl champion

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The Kinston Tiny Mites team

went undefeated through the season and playoffs to claim

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I remember when we started our family many years ago someone told me that with the first child we would do all our shopping at the mall and buy only the best clothes and outfit available, but when the second one comes we would dress her in leftovers from the first child or pick up things on sale at Walmart. That was true back then and it is still true today, as our youngest daughter Melanie has her young son in clothes with his name or initials monogrammed on every outfit and orders custom designed clothes for his first ballgame attended, his first Halloween, and all the other events that mean so much with your first child. It is certainly okay to be proud parents, because our girls are both in their thirties and we are still proud parents!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers survived an early scare* by scoring three unanswered first half touchdowns in a 42-20 playoff win over Southern Choctaw. The Tigers led only 7-6 late in the first quarter and appeared to have a battle on their hands, but used their speed on offense and big plays on defense to take command and advance to the second round. It was good to see the early season 1-2 punch of Alvin Henderson and JT Coleman make a return as the talented duo combined to rush for 355 yards and five touchdowns, while over on defense the Tigers did give up some big plays and missed some tackles, but had 13 tackles for losses and really passed some big hits. It looked like the easy late-season wins over Pleasant Home and McKenzie may have resulted in the team not being ready for the battle that Southern Choctaw brought, but the Tigers did settle in and in the playoffs it is 'survive and advance,' and that is what the Tigers did.

*** *Brantley made it look easy* in a 39-3 win over Choctaw County is what many thought may be a much closer game that many sportswriters predicted. The Bulldogs used the accurate passing arm of Jayden Parks to move the ball almost at will in the playoff victory, and Jon Bush again showed he may be the most under-rated receiver in the state as he caught everything near him was unstoppable as a possession receiver. Brantley ran the ball well, passed it well and had some big special team plays that once again made it clear the Bulldogs are indeed a state title contender.

*** *The first round* of the state high school football playoffs is usually pretty predictable since the top seeds play the bottom seeds in all seven classes. However, there are always upsets and that was the case again this week as the season ended for half the teams that were in action on Friday night. Here is a quick look back at the opening round in all classes.... * Class 7A – The teams in Region 1 made Region 2 look bad as it swept the teams from the coast as Auburn downed Fairhope 35-17, Central of Phenix City clobbered Mary Montgomery 58-7, Dothan outscored Foley 42-28 and Enterprise, which hasn't won a second round game since way back in 1993, defeated Baker 35-26. * Class 6A – Parker pulled the upset of the week with a 7-6 win over defending state champ Clay-Chalkville, while up in the capital city Pike Road slipped past Spanish Fort 22-21 in a mild upset and St. Paul's shocked region champ Montgomery Carver 13-0. * Class 5A – Charles Henderson continued its amazing season with a 20-16 win over Williamson, while Carroll was left with sand in their shoes in a 42-0 loss to Gulf Shores and Headland saw an early 13-7 lead vanish in a 56-13

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loss to top-ranked UMS-Wright. * Class 4A – Andalusia struggled in a 25-10 win over Jackson, while T.R. Miller ousted Montgomery Academy 41-13 and B.T. Washington kept its historic season alive and won its first playoff game ever with a wild 46-43 upset over Orange Beach. * Class 3A – Houston Academy saw its Cinderella season strike midnight in a 30-3 loss to Mobile Christian and Pike County shocked highly-ranked Excel 42-14, while the season came to an abrupt end for a pair of Covington County teams as Straughn saw a late lead vanish in a loss to Thomasville 20-9 and Opp was knocked off at home by W.S. Neal 27-13. * Class 2A – Ariton lit up the scoreboard in a 61-22 whipping of Chickasaw and Wicksburg won on the road over J.U. Blacksher 34-7, while Cottonwood fought for all four quarters on the road in a 27-7 loss to defending state champ Clarke County, G.W. Long barely got past St. Luke's 19-16, Highland Home had to pull ahead late in a 29-21 win over Isabella, and Luverne lost a wild 36-35 shootout to Vincent. * Class 1A – The local region had its top two seeds win at home, but life wasn't as good on the road as Flora was flattened by Millry 55-7 and Georgiana was no match for Leroy and dropped a 47-12 decision.

*** *Back years ago Merle Haggard* had a hit song on the country charts entitled 'Are the good times really over for good.' That song may soon make a comeback at radio stations around Tuscaloosa as the once powerful Alabama Crimson Tide continue their trip back to being just another SEC football team that always has a winning record, but is not a threat on the national scene. Last week's loss to LSU after a week off was simply more of the same for the Tide as its offense sputtered and the defense continued to surrender big plays and too many points for the suddenly 'not so explosive' offense to overcome. I am a lifelong Alabama fan and won't make excuses. However, unless Nick Saban cleans house on his coaching staff and brings in new ideas and excitement I see the Tide's decline continuing. The offense has the Heisman Trophy winner, but a retread offensive coordinator that was unemployed before Saban brought him aboard has proven to have no imagination and seems to just be a 'yes man' for Saban's old-school beliefs, while over on defense the Tide has been going backwards for years under a defensive coordinator that has been outcoached since his first day on the job as he simply does whatever the old ball coach tells him to do. Bear Bryant wasn't afraid to make changes, even late in his career, and it will be interesting to see if Saban will admit parts of the game have perhaps passed him by and the time is NOW for major changes. I for one am growing tired of his philosophical thoughts after games and remarks like "The players need to develop their value." It is still football! If not, this Bama fan will be happy to see him selling insurance on TV with Coach Prime and let Lane Kiffin or Dabo Swinney come to T-town and begin the rebuilding process.

As for the folks over at Auburn, the powers to be on the plains may need to sit back and consider putting the name Carnell Williams in the list of potential new head coaches. Whether they believe it or not, Auburn right now is not the best job in the country, despite its generous buyout policy, and I think many coaches would simply go for the money and not really embrace the pride and history of the program. I know the Tigers lost in overtime in Coach Williams debut last weekend, but they rallied from a 24-3

In second round battle

Elba looks to dethrone 1A champs

The top-ranked Elba Tigers will be looking to dethrone the kings of Class 1A Friday night, Nov. 11, when they host the defending state champion and ninth-ranked Sweet Water Bulldogs, in second round playoff action at Tiger Stadium.

The playoff match-up will be a meeting of prep football powers as the Tigers boast seven state titles and 21 region championships, while the Bulldogs have claimed 11 state titles and 27 region crowns.

"In Class 1A all you have to say is Sweet Water and everyone knows about the tradition and rich history of the program," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "They have won two state championships in the past five years and are the defending state champs. So, you know they are coming here expecting to win and move on in the playoffs. We know the challenge ahead of us and are looking forward to it, because we also expect to win and move on."

Elba will bring an 11-0 record into the second round clash and has scored an average of 42.8 points a game while allowing 13.6 points a game, while Sweet Water will enter the game with a 7-2 record and has averaged 36.7 points a game and allowed 10.9 points a game.

The Tigers own a 2-0 all-time record against the Bulldogs, with the most recent win being a 46-14 playoff win in 2015, and are 13-7 in second round contests, while the Bulldogs are 21-7 in second round action.

deficit to grab the lead late and in doing so did show pride and determination. Auburn isn't as far away from being a really good football team as many fans think, and just needs to get the right man for the job, not the biggest name on the market, and despite being a grown man that still likes to be called by a high school nickname I think Williams at this time may be the man for the job.

The Troy Trojans continued their winning ways last week with a key conference win over Louisiana and while they may be outsize by most teams in the conference, they no doubt play with more enthusiasm and have the biggest hearts of any team in the state. I am not saying the Trojans are ready to take on the state's two SEC teams, but when it comes to playing hard and playing to win this team takes a backseat to no one. The Trojans have proven that with the right coach a team doesn't have to be filled with five stars and rental players from the portal to be successful. This team is fun to watch, fun to cheer for and is only a few miles up the road. Area fans need to take another look at Troy University before they spend all their money going to games across the state that have changed football from a sport into a business.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* dropped by a little early over the weekend and was talking about the four games on the schedule in Class 1A in second round action. The local guesser declared any of the games could be a 'state title' match-up that fans would want to see, and said that after his 24-5 record last week is keeping his fingers crossed in some real toss-ups. Here goes....

ELBA VS. SWEET WATER

The Pea River felines will be back on the green turf at Mack Wood Field again this week and will no doubt be looking for some places to ambush a pack of dogs that are heading their way from down in the west part of the state. The dogs have been hard to stop all season long and have no plans to let their trip to the state finals end in the hole behind Elba High. It's heads!

ELBA 37 SWEET WATER 35

BRANTLEY VS. LINDEN

The bulldogs from up across the creek will pack up for a weekend trip across the state looking to bring home a win and keep their title hunt alive, but it won't be easy since their opponents have a true homefield advantage and in recent years have sent the dogs back home packing. This is another game that has all the makings of a four quarter war. It's heads, again!

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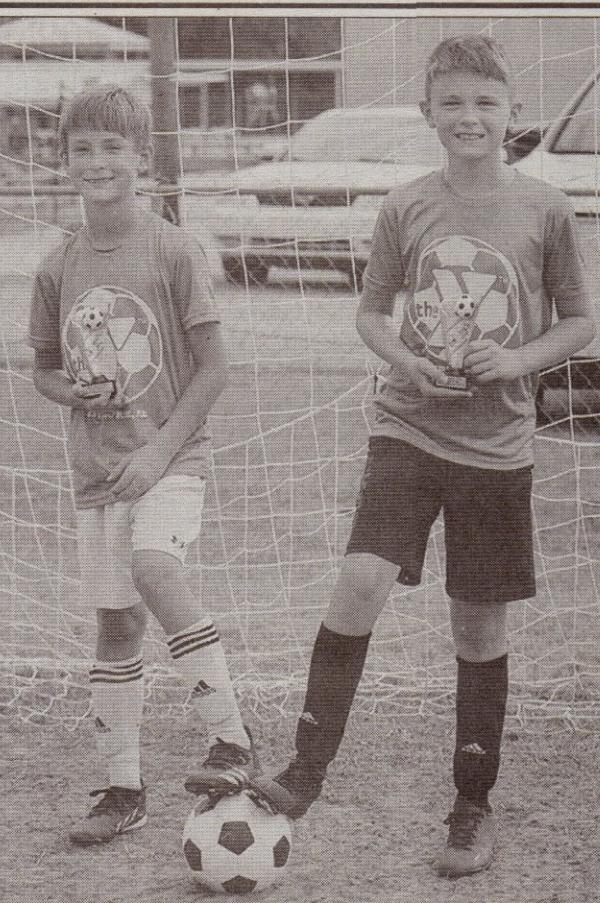
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make sure we do our jobs." It's not supposed to be easy in the playoffs and there will be nothing easy about this week's game," said Sieving. "We need to have everybody healthy and ready for a physical game."

When asked about last week's 42-20 win over Southern Choctaw, Coach Sieving said, "We made some mistakes that hurt us, but we were a little short-

handed due to injuries and it showed at times. JT Coleman and Kyle Smith are both seniors and both had really good games, both as players and as leaders. We made too many penalties and had two flags that nullified touchdowns, and we can't do that and win. It was a physical game against a physical team. We were happy to get the win and move on."



VIPERS COMPETE IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME...

The Vipers soccer team, part of the YMCA youth soccer program in Enterprise, went through the season undefeated. They advanced to the championship game last Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4, for the program but fell in that game to their opponents to claim the runner-up trophy on the season. Two Elba youngsters were an integral part of the Vipers' success this season. Jacks Bane (left) and Cooper Holley (right) each enjoyed playing soccer with the team this year. Jacks is the son of Bradley and Sally Bane, and Cooper is the son of Jason and Julie Holley.

SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (21) heads back upfield after intercepting a Southern Choctaw pass in last week's 42-20 playoff win.



Elba Tiger Jamal Siler (64) drags down a Southern Choctaw runner for a short gain in last week's 42-20 playoff win over the Indians. The Tiger defense recorded 13 tackles for loss in the win.

Tigers eliminate Indians 42-20

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored on their first four offensive series to take command and never looked back to claim a 42-20 win over the Southern Choctaw Indians, in the opening round of the Class 1A playoffs, Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Elba received the opening kickoff and promptly marched 58 yards in six running plays to grab an early lead. JT Coleman rushed for 48 yards on four carries to lead the Tigers downfield, while Brayden Johnson scored the touchdown on a 14-yard run. Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point and with 8:54 left in the first quarter Elba was already on top 7-0.

Southern Choctaw began its initial possession at its own 38-yardline and showed it had come to play as the Indians went 62 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard. Elba was flagged for 20 yards in penalties that aided the scoring drive, while Dontae Causey scored the Indian touchdown on a 14-yard gallop. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 4:34 left in the quarter Elba's lead had been cut to 7-6.

Elba began its second possession of the half near midfield and this time went 52 yards in five plays to extend its lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 38 yards on two carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 25-yard scamper, and after Wisecup booted the extra-point the Tigers lead was up to 14-6 with 1:46 left in the first quarter.

Elba regained possession at its own 45-yardline after an Indians punt and this time needed six plays to cover the distance to the endzone. Alvin Henderson rushed for 56 yards on five carries to lead the Tigers down the field and capped the drive with a 15-yard scoring jaunt. Wisecup added the extra-point and with 9:30 left in the second quarter the Tigers lead was up to 21-7.

Elba's next possession began at the Southern Choctaw 20-yardline after a blocked punt, and after a penalty on first down, Alvin Henderson took a direct snap and rambled 25 yards for a score. Alex Wisecup's extra-point was successful as the Tigers lead grew to 28-6 with 6:46 still left in the quarter.

Elba lost a fumble on its next possession at the Southern Choctaw 11-yardline to kill a scoring threat and later had a 31-yard touchdown run by Henderson wiped off by a penalty flag as the Tigers carried the 28-6 lead in at the half.

Elba lost a fumble at its own 31-yardline on its initial possession of the second half as the Tigers continued to be bitten by their own mistakes. However, the Tigers did regain possession at their own 23-yardline after a defensive stand, and went 77 yards in eight plays to regain command. A 36-yard run by JT Coleman got the drive off to a fast start, and Coleman added a 23-yard dash on a key fourth down play to keep the long scoring drive alive, while Alvin Henderson capped the drive with a 2-yard

touchdown run. Wisecup's extra-point was true as Elba's lead went to 35-6 with 3:37 remaining in the quarter.

Elba failed to cash in a turnover after a pass interception by Cameron Gray at the Tigers 30-yardline on the Indians ensuing possession, but Southern Choctaw did take advantage of a Tiger turnover early in the fourth quarter and went 61 yards in 11 plays to get back into the endzone.

Javon Sikes capped the march with a 14-yard scoring run up the middle, and while a two-point pass failed to add points, Elba's lead stood at 35-12 with 5:59 left on the clock.

Elba added a touchdown on a winding 52-yard run by JT Coleman with 5:33 left on the clock and Alex Wisecup made it six-for-six on extra-point attempts to push the Tigers lead to 42-12, while Southern Choctaw added a score with 1:36 remaining on a 27-yard run by Channing Hill and Keontavius McGrew ran in the two-point conversion, and at the final horn the Tigers were moving on to round two with the 42-20 win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 170 yards and 4 touchdowns on 18 carries and completed a halfback pass for 42 yards to spark the Elba offense, while JT Coleman rushed for 185 yards and one td on 10 carries and pulled in two passes for 59 yards.

Channing Hill rushed for 121 yards and one td to lead the Indians, while Dontae Causey rushed for 40 yards and one td on 15 carries and completed 7 of 11 passes, with one interception, for 62 yards.

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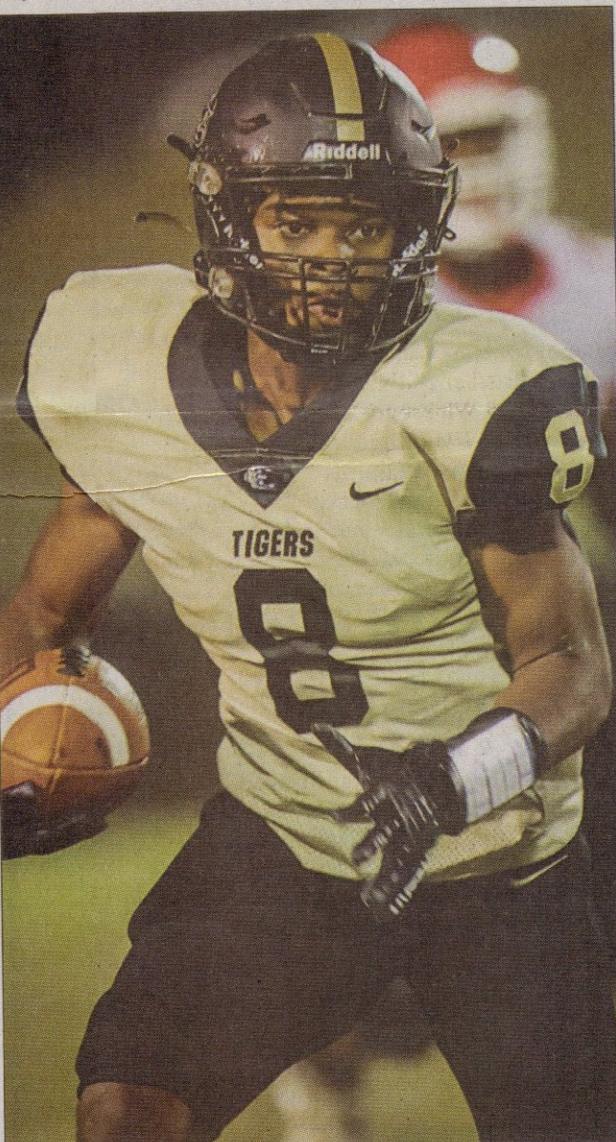
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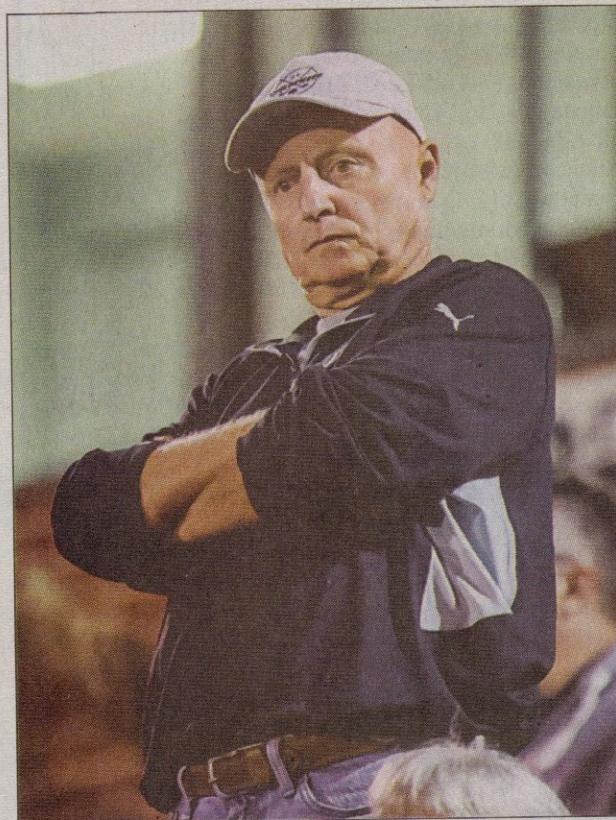
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Elba Tiger JT Coleman (8) looks for running room in last week's 42-20 playoff win. Coleman rushed for 185 yards and one touchdown in the opening round win.



Former Elba Tiger quarterback and current Kinston assistant coach Marty Marler returned to support the Tigers in last week's playoff win over Southern Choctaw.

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Brantley Bulldog Jon Bush (3) stretches to pull in a pass in a recent win. Bush caught 8 passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 39-3 playoff win.

Brantley heads to Linden in second round of 1A playoffs

The second-ranked Brantley Bulldogs will hit the road Friday night when they travel to Linden to battle the third-ranked Linden Patriots, in second round action in the Class 1A state high school football playoffs.

Linden leads the all-time series 4-3 and won the last meeting 22-7 in the 2020 playoffs.

Brantley will enter the game with a 9-2 record and has averaged 40-2 points a game and allowed 13.0 points a game, while the Patriots will carry a 9-1 record into the contest and has averaged 37-6 points a game and allowed 10.1

points a game.

The Bulldogs, which own a 21-13 record in second round playoff games, have won 4 state championships and 32 region titles, while the Patriots have claimed one state title and 14 region crowns, and are 15-6 all-time in second round playoff action.

Linden's wins this season have come over Choctaw County 14-0, Millry 20-14, Keith 32-22, Marengo 32-6, R.C. Hatch 62-0, Sweet Water 28-7, University Charter 60-6, A.L. Johnson 68-0 and Autaugaville 54-8, while losing to Class 3A #1 ranked Mars Hill 38-6.

AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Nov. 10

(Junior High)

Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30)

Highland Home at Brantley (4:30)

(Varsity)

Kinston at Geneva (5:00)

Monday, Nov. 14

(Junior High)

New Brockton at Geneva County (5:00)

McKenzie at Brantley (5:00)

(Varsity)

Northside Methodist at Kinston (5:00)

Tuesday, Nov. 15

(Junior High)

Elba at New Brockton (4:30)

Georgiana at Kinston (4:30)

Goshen at Brantley (4:30)

(Varsity)

Dale County at Zion Chapel (4:30)

Thursday, Nov. 17

(Varsity)

Kinston, Pike Liberal Arts Tournament

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Brantley Bulldogs and cheerleaders celebrate the Bulldogs 600th win after Friday night's 39-3 playoff win over Choctaw County.

Bulldogs chomp down on Choctaw 39-3

Statistics by Greg Brunson
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs jumped out to a 26-0 second quarter lead and coasted in with an impressive 39-3 win over the Choctaw County Tigers, Friday night in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and wasted little time taking the lead for good as the Bulldogs marched 88 yards in six plays to reach the endzone. Kedrick Brown rushed for 65 yards on four carries to lead the Bulldogs downfield and capped the long scoring drive with a 13-yard scamper, and while the extra-point try failed, Brantley was on top 6-0 with 9:04 left in the first quarter.

Brantley turned the ball over on its next series, but regained possession at its own 36-yardline after a defensive stand needed only four plays to cover the 71 yards to the endzone. A 55-yard pass from Jayden

plays to extend its lead. Jayden Parks completed five of five passes for 56 yards to spark the scoring march and connected with Jon Bush on three tosses for 41 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown toss on a leaping catch in the endzone. Parks added the extra-point, and with 11:04 left in the second quarter the Bulldogs were on top 13-0.

Brantley began its next possession at the Choctaw County 28-yardline after a punt was partially blocked by a Tiger lineman, and the Bulldogs took advantage of the short field to quickly extend its lead. The score came on a 28-yard run up the left side by Robert Shine, and Parks' extra-point try was successful as Brantley's lead grew to 20-0 with 8:41 remaining in the quarter.

The Bulldogs began their next possession at their own 29-yardline after a defensive stand needed only four plays to cover the 71 yards to the endzone. A 55-yard pass from Jayden

Parks to Jordan Parks was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the score came on a 13-yard touchdown toss to Jon Bush in the corner of the endzone. The extra-point try failed. However, with 2:48 left in the half Brantley was in command with a 26-0 lead.

Choctaw County recovered a Bulldog bobble at the Brantley 34-yardline late in the half and got on the scoreboard with 30-seconds left on the clock on a 26-yard field goal by Arda Bas, as at the half the teams went in with the Bulldogs owning a 26-3 advantage.

Brantley lost a fumble on its initial possession of the third quarter and was forced to punt on its second possession, but did come back to life on the Tigers third offensive series when Jr. Bogen broke through to block a punt that was recovered in the endzone by Robert Shine for a Bulldog touchdown.

The extra-point try failed, but with 1:53 left in the quarter Brantley's lead had grown to 32-3. Brantley's Elijah McGee recovered a Tiger fumble at the Choctaw County 2-yardline on the Tigers ensuing possession, and from there it took the

'Dogs only one play to cash in the short field as Kedrick Brown bulled over from two yards out. Parks added the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 39-3 and sealed the deal on the Bulldogs 600th win and a trip to the second round of the playoffs.

Kedrick Brown rushed for 93 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries to lead Brantley on the ground, while Robert Shine added 42 yards and one TD on five carries and also recovered a fumble for a score. Jayden Parks completed 11 of 14 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns, with Jon Bush pulling in eight passes for 80 yards and two scores.

Darryl Ruffin rushed for 70 yards on nine carries and Ronnie James added 32 yards on eight carries to lead the Tigers.

The yardstick....

BR	CC
12	1st Downs 8
25-143	Rush-Yds. 34-97
150	Passing Yds. 27
293	Total Offense 124
11-14-0	Passes 3-16-2
50	Return Yds. 129
4	Fumbles Lost 1
7-78	Pen.-Yds. 18-164
2.32	Punts-Ave. 6-19

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS:

Long 53 Zion Chapel 9

The Zion Chapel Rebels never had a chance in a 53-9 loss to G.W. Long. Holland Hughes and Payton Godbold both scored 6 points for G.W. Long.

New Broc.39 Kinston 10

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their winning ways with a big 39-10 victory over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Ariana Smith scored 19 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks and Jenna Kate Weeks added 13. Trinity Carnley led Kinston with 6 points.

Samson 41 Zion Chapel 31

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 41-31 loss to the Samson Tigers. Ben McKenzie scored 21 points to lead the Tigers, while Payne Jordan and Jesse Yeomans both added 8 points.

Ariton 32 Elba 22

The Elba Tigers battled from the opening tip in a 32-22 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Johnathan Edwards scored 7 points to lead the Tigers, while Laquatos Edwards added 6, Levi Martin 4, Matthew McCull 4 and Skylar Mitchell 1. Grady Wesley led the Purple Cats with 8 points.

Dauphin 34 Elba 16

The Elba Tigers failed to score in the first and third quarters in a 34-16 loss to the Dauphin Dolphins. Johnathan Edwards scored 5 points to lead the Tigers and Easton McKelvy added 4. Brown scored 9 points to lead the Dolphins.

GIRLS:

Long 23 Zion Chapel 10

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels battled for all four

quarters in a 23-10 loss to G.W. Long. Holland Hughes and Payton Godbold both scored 6 points for G.W. Long.

New Broc.39 Kinston 10

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued their winning ways with a big 39-10 victory over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Ariana Smith scored 19 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks and Jenna Kate Weeks added 13. Trinity Carnley led Kinston with 6 points.

New Broc.48 Opp 17

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks lit up the scoreboard in a big 48-17 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Reese Eddins scored 16 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Ariana Smith added 12 and Jenna Kate Weeks scored 8. Ariana Smith added 12 and Jenna Kate Weeks scored 8.

Ariton 32 Elba 8

The Elba Lady Tigers kept it close for a quarter in a 32-8 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Johnathan Edwards scored 7 points to lead the Tigers, while Laquatos Edwards added 6, Levi Martin 4, Matthew McCull 4 and Skylar Mitchell 1. Grady Wesley led the Purple Cats with 8 points.

Dauphin 31 Elba 28

The Elba Lady Tigers battled until the final horn in a 31-28 loss to the Dauphin Lady Dolphins. Ny'Asia McCollough scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Diyonne Lockett added 3 and Andrea Johnson and Keelie Moseley both scored 2 points.

PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 7A QUARTERFINALS

Dothan (8-3) at Auburn (10-1)
Enterprise (8-3) at Central-Phenix City (9-2)
Hewitt-Trussville (8-3) at Hoover (10-1)
Vestavia Hills (7-4) at Thompson (8-3)

CLASS 6A

Saraland (10-1) at Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (11-0)
Pike Road (7-4) at Homewood (9-2)
Pelham (6-5) at St. Paul's (6-5)
Hueytown (8-3) at Theodore (11-0)
Mountain Brook (9-2) at Gadsden City (7-4)
Center Point (9-1) at Hartselle (11-0)
Muscle Shoals (9-1) at Parker (7-4)
Gardendale (8-3) at Decatur (9-2)

CLASS 5A

Gulf Shores (10-1) at Central-Clay Co. (9-2)
Demopolis (10-1) at Faith-Mobile (9-2)
Charles Henderson (9-1) at Talladega (7-4)
Beauregard (10-1) at UMS-Wright (11-0)
Pleasant Grove (9-1) at Russellville (7-4)
Moody (10-1) at Arab (10-1)
Scottsboro (7-4) at Leeds (10-0)
Ramsay (9-2) at Guntersville (9-2)

CLASS 4A

Anniston (10-0) at BTW-Tuskegee (6-5)
Andalusia (10-1) at American Chr. (9-2)
Catholic-Montgomery (11-0) at Jacksonville (8-3)
Handley (10-1) at T.R. Miller (10-1)
Priceville (11-0) at Oneonta (9-1)
Etowah (8-3) at Deshler (11-0)
West Morgan (10-1) at Cherokee Co. (9-2)
Randolph (9-2) at Dora (8-3)

CLASS 3A

Thomasville (8-3) at Dadeville (10-0)
St. James (9-2) at W.S. Neal (7-4)
Trinity (9-2) at Mobile Chr. (4-7)
Pike Co. (7-3) at Alabama Chr. (8-3)
Mars Hill Bible (10-1) at Geraldine (8-3)
Sylvania (8-3) at Madison Aca. (9-2)
Piedmont (9-2) at Colbert Co. (7-4)
Lauderdale Co. (7-4) at Gordo (10-1)

CLASS 2A

B.B. Comer (9-2) at Wicksburg (6-5)
G.W. Long (8-3) at Reeltown (9-1)
Highland Home (10-1) at Ariton (10-1)
Vincent (10-1) at Clarke Co. (6-5)
Tuscaloosa Aca. (9-2) at Lexington (9-2)
Fayette (11-0) at Winston Co. (7-4)
Pisgah (9-2) at Southeastern-Blount (9-1)
Falkville (7-4) at Aliceville (10-1)

CLASS 1A

Leroy (9-1) at Maplesville (8-3)
Brantley (9-2) at Linden (9-1)
Sweet Water (7-2) at Elba (11-0)
Loachapoka (9-1) at Millry (10-1)
Pickens Co. (8-3) at Meek (11-0)
Valley Head (10-1) at Marion Co. (8-3)
Coosa Chr. (7-4) at Spring Garden (10-1)
Addison (9-2) at Lynn (10-1)